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,, (Seeds).....	£2	15s. 0d.
To China.....no offers.		
To Clyde.....no offers.		

PRICES CURRENT (FEBRUARY 27th, 1862.)

	Per candy
COTTON at Colaba :	None.
New Broach, ready .....212 to 213	Rs. 198 to 199
Dholleras, ...	,, 195 to 196
Oomrawutee	,, 174 to 177
Compta, ...	,, 236 to 238
Dharwar Sawginned	,, 193 to 194
New Broach, and Nuggur	,, 185 to 186
Khandeish.....	
NEW COTTON to Arrive :	
Broach and Surat (April and May)	,, 198 to 199
Dholleah ..... Do.	,, 184 to 185
Oomrawuttee .....(March and April).....	,, 182 to 183
Veravole ..... Do.	,, 172 to 173
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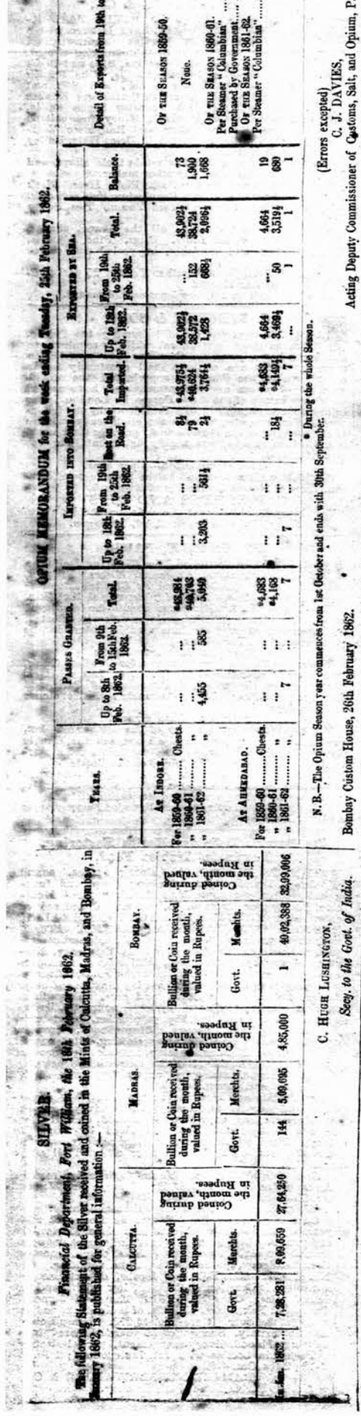
COTTON MEMORANDUM for the week ending Tuesday, 25th February 1862.
Bombay.
Madras.
Calcutta.
Bales or Cwts received during the month, valued in Rupees.
Coined during the month, valued in Rupees.
Total.
Bullion or Coin received during the month, valued in Rupees.
Coined during the month, valued in Rupees.
Total.
Bullion or Coin received during the month, valued in Rupees.
Coined during the month, valued in Rupees.
Total.
Exports from 19th to 25th Feb. 1862.
Exports from 19th to 25th Feb. 1862.
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Up to 25th Feb. 1862.
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Imports from 19th to 25th Feb. 1862.
Imports from 19th to 25th Feb. 1862.
Imports from 19th to 25th Feb. 1862.
Govt.
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Merchts.
Merchts.
Total Imported.
Total Exported.
Total.
Balances.
Bales.
Cwts.
Rupees at the Exchange of
Detail of Exports from 19th to 25th Feb. 1862.
Detail of Imports from 19th to 25th Feb. 1862.
Or the Season 1860-61. Per Steamer "Columbian."
Or the Season 1861-62. Purchased by Government.
Or the Season 1861-62. Per Steamer "Columbian."
Chests.
Bales.
Total.
Bales.
Total.
Bales.
Total

other circumstances. It is therefore incorrect to say, that "Mr. Howard's scheme would only qualify a man for the theoretical part of his work as a lawyer—he would have the practical part, and knowledge of the people, to learn afterwards, and that probably at a time of life when othnology so circumscribed becomes distasteful." In Mr. Howard's scheme, on the contrary, the theoretical and practical parts of the knowledge would be learned pari passu. Let us have Mr. Howard's scheme, say we, unless something better can be propounded.

KHANDALLA, *25th February*, 1862.—A very sad accident, I regret to state, occurred about midday on Sunday last, the 23rd instant, on the Railway, between Narell and Campoolee. A horse-box attached to the train coming from Bombay to Campoolee took fire, and a horse and its groom were consumed to ashes before it was possible to afford any assistance. The horse-box had been newly varnished and burnt like a box of lucifer matches, nothing but the iron work and a portion of the flooring remaining. It was at first hoped that the horse-keeper had saved himself by jumping out of the van, but it was ascertained afterwards, upon a careful examination of the calcined matter found in the remains of the van that a portion of it consisted of what had once been a human being. How the unfortunate accident occurred will probably ever remain a mystery. It may have been caused by the recklessness of the Ghorawalla, who had been cautioned against smoking in the van; but it is equally possible that the disaster was caused by the falling of red hot cinders from the chimney of the Engine, as the horse-box was placed next to the brake-van, and consequently within a few feet of the Engine. Very great praise appears to be due to the Engine-driver and the Guards of the Train, who, on ascertaining that the van was on fire, immediately stopped the train and with great presence of mind, and some danger to their own lives, disengaged the burning mass from the train which narrowly escaped a general conflagration. As it was, however, they were unabled to present a panic seizing upon the Native passengers, who as soon as they felt the inconvenience of the smoke from the burning van beat a hasty retreat though the carriage windows before the train could be stopped. The consequence was that a number of persons received severe contusions and bruises that might have been avoided. Fortunately, however, no very serious accident occurred in this way. An inquest and enquiry has been held at Campoolee in the matter, but as far as I can learn no blame has been attached to any one, the occurrence having been caused by one of those accidents which it is almost impossible effectually to guard against. It is difficult to understand why the unfortunate horse-keeper did not make the attempt to save his life by throwing himself out of the van, which has wide opening for escape under such circumstances. It is probable that he was either paralysed by fear or was taken with a fit of some kind.

On the night of Monday last an accident occurred on the Bhore Ghaut to the Native Guard in charge of the Mail bags. He was thrown from the Mail Cart and the wheel of another cart passed over his right thigh causing a compound fracture of the thigh bone. He was brought into Khandalla, where the fracture was reduced by the Native Doctor attached to the G. I. P. Railway, and he has since been sent down to the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital for treatment.

Dr. Hamilton, the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, has been here, and made his half-yearly inspection of the General Depôt Hospital on Monday last. The men of the Depôt are very healthy just now, and the women and children also appear to derive benefit from the climate of these hills. The latter in particular look as rosy and healthy as they would do in England.

The Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches in course of erection here under the superintendence of the respective Chaplains of those Churches are fast approaching completion. The former is more than half finished; and both will be completed before the setting in of the next monsoon. They are very handsome buildings, in the Gothic style, and are very creditable to their designers.

Tigers and Panthers have been making their appearence of late here in rather too close neighbourhood to be pleasant. Accounts have been received of these denizens of the jungle within a short distance of the Railway Station a few nights ago, and several sheep had previously been carried off; one within a couple of hundred yards of the Travellers' Bungalow.

Mr. Adamson's *shikarree* killed a splendid Panther at a single shot a few mornings ago, not far from his master's bungalow on Mount Dangerous. For some years past these beasts of prey kept at a respectful distance from Khandalla and the Railway works: but since the noise caused by the daily cannonade in the formation of the Tunnels has nearly ceased they have returned seeking what and whom they may devour.

The weather is very pleasant, but the cold season seems to have totally disappeared. The mornings and evenings are cool, but during the day the sun is fiery and a high wind raises the dust very unpleasantly.

Colonel Lang and Major Whitelock, accompanied by a party of ladies, with the Revd. Dr. Wilson as their guide, philosopher and friend, came up from Bombay last night and have been engaged today in visiting the wonders of the Ghaut Incline. Really those tunnels *are* wonderful works; and I quite envy the reputation that will be gained by Messrs. Adamson and Clawser when they are completed. They will be lucky fellows indeed if they escape being Knighted.

Local News.

THE THAKORE OF MORBEE, whose arrival we reported yesterday, landed in the morning with some pomp. He has taken up his quarters in the large bungalow belonging to the late Dhunjeebhoy Cama near the Gowalla Tank.

BOMBAY BENEVOLENT LIBRARY AND READING ROOM AND NATIVE BOOK CLUB.—The seventh Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Benevolent Library and Reading Room and Native Book Club, will be held in the Hall of the Robert Money Institution, Esplanade, this evening at half-past seven. The attendance of the friends of Native Education is solicited.

The Rev. John Wilson, D. D., will preside on the occasion.

THE last ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Medical and Physical Society for the present Session, will be held in the Library of the Grant Medical College, on Saturday next, the 1st March, at four o'clock P. M., when the following will be brought forward:—

1. Observations on Leprosy, Part I., by Dr. H. V. Carter. Presented by the Author.
2. Cases of fibrinous concretions of the Heart, by Dr J. Peet. Presented by the Author
3. The Annual Report of the Civil Surgeon, Ahmednuggur, with observations upon "Ozone." Presented by the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department.

There will be a ballot for the election of Dr. McDougall, under Rule VI., who has been duly proposed and seconded as a Member of the Society.

The names of Members who have not paid their subscriptions will be considered with reference to Rule X.

THE [SAID TO BE] NEW GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY.—The Hon'ble J. P. Grant succeeds Sir G. Clerk as Governor of Bombay. Her Majesty's Government have done honor to themselves and to one of our most distinguished Indian Statesmen by the appointment. The nomination is a curious commentary on the position in which the Supreme Government has placed itself in regard to Mr. Grant. The Supreme Government disapprove of Mr. Grant's policy in terms almost beyond the limits of official courtesy, and in their desire to conciliate a noisy section stultify their own acts. The Home Government in the meantime so cordially approve of Mr. Grant's bearing throughout a most troublesome time that they determine to retain his services by the offer of the highest appointment in their gift,—excepting the Govern-Generalship of India. The gentleman who in ordinary course might have been expected to have obtained the Bombay Governorship and who might have made a useful Governor has been superseded by the man he has been condemning and obstructing. The lesson read to our Indian Administrators is one which was just now particularly required and which will, we hope, not be thrown away. It is simply this, that in the long run a straight forward honest policy, and a determination to do what is right and just without reference to what will be said or what will be thought of it is the surest to succeed. Since it is impossible to please all sides and parties it is surely best to have the satisfaction of having done what was right without any compromise either with the public or conscience. A desire to be popular can only result in vacillation, and vacillation can never result in success.—*Indian Empire, Feb.* 19.

WE are able to state, that the Honorable Mr. J. P. Grant has been offered the Governorship of Bombay. He has not yet, we believe, made up his mind to accept or reject the post, but the latter is the more probable result we fancy.—*Bengal Hurkaru, Feb.* 12.

TIME INTERVALS FOR MESSAGES.

THE statement gives the maxima and minima time intervals for messages received at the Bombay office from the offices at Calcutta, Madras, and Kurrachee during the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock in the morning. The time intervals are deduced from the Calcutta, Madras, and Kurrachee office dates affixed to messages, and are corrected on account of difference of longitude.

26th February 1862.

	In what watch.	Whence received.	Max. and Min.	Time Intervals. H.	Time Intervals. M.	Service or Private.	Words in Message.	By what Line.
From 0 till 12 hours.		Calcutta	Max.	29	35	P.	26	N. W. P.
			Min.	1	32	P.	29	N. W. P.
		Madras	Max.	...	...	...	...	
			Min.	...	...	...	...	
		Kurrachee	Max.	...	...	...	...	
			Min.	...	...	...	...	
From 12 till 24 hours.		Calcutta	Max.	...	...	...	...	
			Min.	...	...	...	...	
		Madras	Max.	20	20	P.	46	W. C.
			Min.	0	35	P.	16	W. C.
		Kurrachee	Max.	52	40	P.	16	N. W. C.
			Min.	5	58	P.	22	N. W. C.

BOMBAY POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

FORT POLICE OFFICE,

Tuesday, 25th February 1862.

(BEFORE W. CRAWFORD, ESQ.)

INFRIGEMENT OF THE RAILWAY ACT.—*Bharmull Govindjee* and *Bhanjee Veerchund* were charged with wilfully obstructing and impeding a servant of the Railway Company in the discharge of his duty.

Mr. W. B. Crawford appeared on behalf of the Railway Company.

John Pereira deposed.—I am a delivery foreman in the service of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company. I was on duty there this morning at eight o'clock. When the yard opened for the delivery of goods, a Merchant of the name of Lelladhur Narronjee came for delivery of cotton, it was my duty to deliver that cotton to the consignee. He brought carts and cartmen with him for the cotton. The prisoners came when the cotton was being delivered, he told the men that were loading the carts and the cartmen, that if they loaded the carts they would never employ them again, they then said that if they took the goods and went out of the gate that they would destroy the goods and beat them. In consequence the cartmen refused to take the goods, and I was therefore prevented from delivering the cotton. There is now very great quantities of undelivered cotton on the premises by reason of the misconduct of the cotton merchants; but for their threat I would have finished the delivery of cotton which I had begun.

Babajee Cassinath.—I am in the service of Lilladhur Narronjee. I went this morning to the Boree Bunder Railway Station to take delivery of my master's cotton. I went before the time, and took the carts with me. I saw Pereira the witness there. Bharmull Govindjee said to the carters, "If you take the cotton in your carts as far as the corner, your bones will be broken." Bhanjee Veerchund said; "we shall see how you will load goods." They then threatened the coolies whom I had taken from our warehouse, saying, "If you are of two fathers you will load the goods." The carters were afraid and ran away, and the coolies stopped work. Pereira was therefore prevented from doing his duty. When I reported this to the Police Havildar, the coolies began to load.

Alexander Burrows.—I am in the service of the Railway Company; I was at the station on the morning in question. I saw Babajee there, he brought carts with him. Pereira was there too, it was his duty to deliver the cotton. The prisoners came there, they spoke to the cartmen, who thereupon refrained from working. Pereira was thereby prevented from delivering the cotton. I am in charge of the yard, we are unable to lay down any goods from the crowded state of the yard, from cotton merchants not taking delivery of their cotton. In consequence thereby a serious injury is caused.

Mr. James Lowe.—They wished to force us to make delivery through our foreman as before. We are in the habit of delivering three or four thousand bales daily, and for the last two days the delivery has comparatively been stopped. We shall have to stop the trains unless we can clear the cotton today.

The prisoners made no defence.

HIS WORSHIP inflicted a fine of fifty Rupees on each of them.

Thursday, 27th February.

ASSAULT.—*Dr. M. Wylie* was charged with assaulting Govindren Funardgee on the 20th instant by striking him with a whip. *The prosecutor* stated that he was a student of the Elphinstone school, and that on the 20th instant when returning from his studies the defendant struck him across the face with his whip. He did not know why the defendant struck him.

Sooratam Succoonjee stated that as he was going along the Kalbadavie road on the evening in question, he saw the complainant and some other students standing near the defendant's garry. When he saw defendant come out of the house and take the whip from his coachman and struck the complainant on the right side of his nose, and observed that his mouth was bleeding from the effects of the blow.

Another accident corroborated the testimony of the previous witnesses.

The defendant called two witnesses, but they failed to prove anything to justify the defendant in striking the plaintiff with the whip.

HIS WORSHIP said that the evidence was all on one side, and proved that the defendant did strike the plaintiff. There was no justification for the defendant to strike the complainant. Whatever the defendant, or any other European might think of his right to strike natives with a whip; he (the Magistrate) was bound to teach him better. All her Majesty's subjects were alike here, and equally deserving the protection of the law, no matter whether they had a white face or a dark one; and while he sat in the Court, he was determined that justice should be equally meted out to all, whether they wore a hat or a pugree.

Fined five rupees.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THE Annual Meeting of the Bombay Education Society took place on Wednesday afternoon the 26th instant, in the Girls School of the Institution at Byculla. There was a very good attendance of the subscribers and friends of the Society, amongst whom we observed, the Lord Bishop of Bombay, who presided on the occasion; Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Wellesley, Mrs. Jerrom, Mrs. Peet, Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Johnson, Misses Fletcher, Candy, Thorn, Ross, &c. The Rev. Messrs. Farnham, Maule, Wilson, Bowen, Gilder, &c. Commodore Wellesley, Colonel Turner, Majors Haggard, Coley and Curtis. The Hon. the Nawab of Savanoor, Drs. Peet and Johnson. Messrs. Compton, Manockjee Cursetjee, Hope, Firth, Walker, Watson, Mears, Prescott, Brown, Hinton, &c. The healthy, happy and cheerful faces of the children evinced the great amount of care bestowed upon them by the Managing Committee and the conductors of the schools.

The Bishop took the chair at about five o'clock and called upon the Rev. Mr. Maule to read the Report of the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Maule read the Report as follows:—

In presenting their usual annual report the Managing Committee of the Bombay Education Society, congratulate the friends of the Institution upon its usefulness and prosperity in every branch. The Committee desire to call attention in the first place to the question raised at the commencement of the past year as to the expediency of removing the schools from Bombay to Poorundur.

It will be recollected that the Sub-Committee appointed by the Managing Committee, to consider the question; were of opinion that the schools should be continued in Bombay.

Their report was forwarded to Government, and the question sat at rest by the reply, that Government concur with the Committee in considering that it would not be advisable to remove the schools from Bombay.

The Committee were of opinion, however, that an experiment, with the view of establishing a sanatarium, is desirable; and will give attention to the matter.

Among the changes that have been introduced is the admission of day scholars into the schools.

It appeared that there were many tradesmen and artisans in the neighbourhood of the schools, and many Military Pensioners and other poor Christians, on whom this step would confer a great benefit. The effect, moreover, would probably be to induce Military Pensioners to seek admission as boarders for their children.

The Sub-Committee appointed to report on the practicability, of thus admitting day scholars, gave it as their opinion, that the schools might be opened to day scholars with great advantage, provided, that the society's main object, the education of the poor in the principles of Christianity as held by the Church of England be secured; and provided also, that no additional expenses be incurred.

The Committee approving these principles adopted the measure, and have drawn up certain rules, which will be found in the appendex, for the admission and removal of day scholars into the school.

There have been already sixty admitted, and there is every reason to think that the number will shortly be considerably increased.

The Managing Committee having ascertained that the expenses of the schools, during the past year, had greatly increased, appointed a Sub-Committee to institute an enquiry into the cause of this. The result of their investigation left no doubt that there was a want of adequate check and supervision over expenditure, in every department. They attribute this to the absence of a properly organised system, and not to any neglect in deficiency of zeal on the part of the officers of the Society. To provide a remedy, however, for this evil, the Sub-Committee recommend the appointment of a permanent, or standing Sub-Committee, to be designated the School Committee.

This Committee, which meets weekly at the School, are diligently carrying out the intention with which they were appointed.

In order to provide for the greater comfort and convenience of the children and servants of the schools, the Managing Committee sanctioned the sum of Rs. 1,500 for laying down the pipes to convey Vehar water to the schools and hospitals provided that Government granted the free supply of water. The application met with a favourable reply, and the Committee desire to record their thanks to Government for their generous gift and are happy to state that the work has been completed.

Much attention has of late been given to secure the payment of the large arrears which have been *accruing* for some years yast. The Committee feel that there is *now*, consequent upon oversight and delay, much difficulty in recovering these debts, in some few cases small sums have been recovered, but on the other hand, considerable sums are left unpaid, since *many* who became responsible for the payments on account of children have left the country, others cannot be heard of and some have died. The Committee, however, trust that the evil may be obviated in future, from the system they have determined upon, of securing regular monthly payments, and they would earnestly entreat the co-operation of officers in charge of corps and departments in preventing as far as in them lies the accumulation of debts on the part of their subordinates and others having children in the schools.

During the past year Major Haggard has resigned the office of Treasurer; the Committee desire to record their thanks to him for his *untiring* zeal and energy, in behalf of the interests of the Society. He has been succeeded in the office of Treasurer, by Major Curtis, who has cordially entered upon his duties.

The Committee desire gratefully to acknowledge the *increased* public support that they have received during the past year at the Presidency itself, is far greater than before, while no decrease has occurred in the list of names received from outstations. The Committee, however, would earnestly call upon Chaplains, as well as upon the Civil and Military authorities, to increase their exertions in behalf of the Society and thus to extend its usefulness.

The report sent in by the Auditor of the Books, Statement of the Society, is satisfactory, though apparently embracing the cash receipts and expenditure for only part of the year, the account includes the receipts known as general subscriptions and donations and as the girls work money for twelve months; the other receipts together with the expenditure for December 1861, which are either recoverable, or payable, in January 1862, being properly omitted for incorporation in the account for 1862. This deviation from the mode of account, hitherto observed, is very desirable, as admitting of all transactions being brought to account in the month in which they occur, instead of in that, to which they relate, and of the annual accounts being preferred, in future, as in the present instance immediately after the termination of the year.

The receipts during the year have amounted to Rs. 59,805-1-9; of which sum, Rs. 2,958-14 appertains to the Poona infant school and the expenditure to Rs. 58,447-8-6 including Rs. 12,801-6-8 incurred for the infant school, the excess of receipts over expenditure has thus been Rs. 1,357-9-3.

The balance to the credit of the Society, on the 31st December 1861, was Rs. 2,442-11-11 against Rs. 1,085-2-8 on the 31st Dec. 1860; showing the excess of receipts over expenditure, to be Rs. 1,357-9-3. As referred to in the preceding para.

The very large decrease of Rs. 12,497-14-4 in the receipts from the press branch of the Society during the year, arises chiefly from less funds having been available for payment to the school, in consequence of the erection of a building, within the school compound, for Press purposes, and of the addition of a *smithy* and foundry to its working establishment; measures which diminishing support to the schools adds to the property and prosperity of the press.

It may here be observed, that in consequence of a very small portion from the press profits (as pointed out in the foregoing para.) having been available during the past year, the Committee were compelled to borrow a loan to the extent of Rs. 5,000 from the Trustees of Eleanor Boyds fund to meet the expenses; they hope to be able to repay the sum from the profits and support of the current year.

At the request of the Committee Dr. Birdwood undertook the examination of the boys and girls in secular instruction and submitted a favorable report upon the scholars. He also examined the pupil teachers and considered them to be quite equal to their duties.

The Rev. Mr. Maule, Chaplain of Byculla, was appointed by the Bishop to examine the schools in religious knowledge.

The report which will be found in the appendix gives a satisfactory result of the examination.

The total number of boys is 192 including 39 in the Poona Branch school.

The Rev. Mr. Farnham, Head Master, reports that great progress had been made in the school during the past year. The Committee are rejoiced to think of the encouraging line in which he spenks of the moral aspect of the school, that their exists a more religious spirit, and a higher regard for truthfulness than is usually found among boys of this class. As regards their intellectual improvements, while on the whole there has been satisfactory progress; Mr. Farnham points out defects which he is anxious to have remedied. He again draws the attention of the Society to supply the School Library with useful and instructive books, for the benefit of the boys. He speaks favorably of Mr. Mears, Second Master, Mr. Watson, Assistant Master, and Mrs. Brown, the Matron, as also of the pupil teachers, whom he reports as painstaking and industrious.

The number of the girls who have received instruction during the past year is, 163 including 34, in the Poona school.

Miss. Thorn has undertaken the combined duties of superintendent and Head Mistress throughout the past year, assisted by Miss West as second Mistress, Eliza Mears has continued to perform the duties of pupil teacher with great credit to herself. The progress made by her class is most satisfactory.

The connection of Miss Thorn with the Society which has continued for fourteen years, is now about to be brought to a close. Increasing years and ill health render it needful that she should seek rest from the labors and anxieties which have for so many years devolved upon her, and the Committee are unwilling that she should depart without expressing their appreciation of the valuable services, which she has rendered to the Institution, and of the zealous manner in which her duties have been carried out. They desire to record their sense of her services by granting her a pension of fifty pounds per annum. While alluding to Miss Thorn's departure the Committee are happy to inform the friends of the Society that steps have been taken to supply her place, as soon as possible: and that Miss Gower, a lady bearing testimonials for high character and ability is now about to leave England for this country to undertake the office of the head mistress and Superintendent of the Girls schoql.

The admissions during the year have been in the Boys school fourty-nine, of whom four were admitted free, out of this number four are orphans of subscribers; thirty-five boys have been discharged, of whom twenty six have been taken out by their friends, and have been apprenticed, and three have died.

In the Girls school thirty-one children have been admitted; forty-three have been discharged and none have died, of those admitted eight have been orphans of subscribers, and three have been paid for at the regulated sum of those discharged, ten have been married from the school, and thirty-three have been taken out by their friends.

The Rev. Mr. Fenton, Secretary of the Poona Branch School writes as follows:—

I resumed charge in the month of June last of the Poona Branch School and had the pleasure to find it in excellent order; in November I examined them, at the request of the Bishop, in their religious knowledge, my report as it was most favorable, I am happy to know has been confirmed by his Lordship's personal testimony.

I have had occasion before to remark upon the valuable service rendered to the school without any expense to the Society, by the youthful daughters of our two worthy matrons.

Well have these two girls repaid us for the gratuitous education by their gratuitous teaching. I feel particularly thankful to your Committee for consenting to an arrangement, by which, in connection with the new system of day scholars the talents of these promising young teachers will be at once developed and rewarded.

The Medical reports for the past year are on the whole favorable though there appears to have been a large number of admissions with the Central School Hospital; yet there has been very little disease; only three deaths have occurred out of the 392 children, the Medical Report from Poona School no deaths have occurred during the period of eighteen months. In 1859 there were no less than 146 ophthalmia cases, and 91 cutaneous affections treated; in 1860 the numbers had considerably decreased, while in the past year Dr. Larkins reports that but 35 cases of ophthalmia had occurred and only three affections of the skin.

The children have been generally healthy and but little sickness has prevailed.

Since the departure in October last of Mr. Woolterton, formerly joint superintendent of the press, the duties of superintendent have entirely devolved upon Mr. Firth.

The report sent in by that gentleman shows, the prosperity and the progress of the press, during the past, year to have exceeded that of all preceding years.

A new stereotype style foundry has been added to the printing branch of the establishment, a new workshop has been built while upwards of Rs. 7,000 have been paid, in cash, to the schools and all this out of the profits of one year. The Committee consider that much praise is due to Mr. Firth for the indefatigable exertions in this very responsible and arduous office, and are happy to see the favorable statement which he makes of those employed under him.

The children were then formed up and sung in excellent style,—"Now pray we for our country."

The Lord Bishop then proceeded with the examination of the children, commencing with the first two books of Genesis; a great number of questions were put to them by the Right Rev. Gentleman, which were promptly and correctly answered. The children were next examined on Scripture history generally, and their replies were equally ready and accurate. His Lordship concluded his examination by interrogating the pupils as to their proficiency in geography in which they evinced very considerable knowledge. At the conclusion of a very lengthened examination His Lordship expressed himself as being highly satisfied with the manner in which the children, both girls and boys, had acquitted themselves on the occasion.

After some more singing by the children, which was accomplished in a highly creditable manner, the Bishop presented the boys with prizes, consisting of silver Medals in handsome morrocco cases, writing desks, Bibles, Prayer, Hymn and other Books &c.

Mrs. Wellesley presented the girls with the prizes allotted to them. They consisted of similar articles to those which were given to the boys.

The boys Band played several pieces of music on the grounds during the time that the company were assembling, and again at the close of the interesting proceedings.

At the conclusion of the business the children sung the National Anthem.

Law Intelligence.

SUPREME COURT.—PLEA SIDE.

List of Causes for Trial this day.

Judoonathjee Brizruttonjee Maharaz, *vs.* Cursondass Mooljee and another. (Part heard).

SUPREME COURT.—PLEA SIDE.

Twentieth Day, Thursday, 27th February 1862.

(BEFORE A FULL COURT.)

THE MAHARAJ LIBEL CASE.

Jadunathjee Brizruttonjee Maharaj, vs. Kursondass Mooljee and another.

Mr. Bayley and *Mr. Scoble*, instructed by Messrs. Collier and Leathes, for the plaintiff.

Mr. Anstey and *Mr. Dunbar*, instructed by Messrs. Acland and Prentis, for the defendants.

The examination in chief of the plaintiff continued.—I know Dr. Bhawoo Dajee, since my arrival in Bombay he did not attend upon me professionally. I remember his having come to me once on a visit with Luckmidass Khimjee. Previous to that I had seen him on one occasion at the Hindoo Girls' schools. I was suffering from itch at the time he visited me. The itches was caused by my having taken heating medicines at Mandvee. Whenever I eat anything hot I suffer from this disease at intervals of two or three months. I had eruptions and small boils or sores, but no abscesses. That was since my visit to Dyarakaut [illegible] I was suffering from diarrhoea and had taken heating medicines. I made some of these medicines myself and others were made by native doctors. This was caused by the heat on my way from Sind. Lukmidass suggested to me that Dr. Bhawoo was a very good man and that we should call upon him to prepare rules for the Girls School which was to be established. When Dr. Bhawoo came to me with Lukmeedass we had conversation with him about the proposed school. After the conversation I consulted him about the itches with which I was afflicted and described my case saying, that I was scratching the skin often and that this was in consequence of my having taken heating medicines, and that those eruptions disappeared when I applied *ghee* and camphor. I asked him to prescribe medicine for me. I did not tell him that I had *Chandee* nor did he call it so. I am quite sure I did not use the word *chandee*. I never suffered from any venereal disease. The following day I sent Goverdhundass to Dr. Bhawoo to get back the book which I had given him and also to get the medicine which he was to give. Dr. Bhawoo did not make a personal examination of the diseased parts of my body. I did not tell him that I would send a person next day to describe my disease, nor did I tell him that the history of the case will be communicated to him. Goverdhun brought a prescription, but I did not have it made up. I continued to apply the medicine which I was in the habit of applying and I was cured in five or six days. Dr. Dhirajram Dadoopatram. I first became acquainted with him when I went to visit the Girl's school. I consulted him and I took the medicines prescribed by him. This was long after my interview with Dr. Bhawoo. He visited me at Jeevanjee Maharaja's where I was in the habit of receiving *durshun*. I had sent for him on this occasion. I communicated to him the history of my disease similar to what I had told Dr. Bhawoo. He did not inspect me. I did not tell him it was syphilitic ulcer, nor did I tell him that I had intercourse with a woman three months before. How could I have told him so, when it is contrary to our religion to hold such intercourse? He prescribed five pills for me which I took, also some powder which I mixed with water to apply to the diseased parts. The powder became black when it was mixed with water. I did not tell him that I had taken mercury. I may have taken mercury in medicine. After I took the medicine prescribed by Dr. Dhirajram I felt some pain in my throat, and I therefore discontinued taking it. He came for six or seven days for the purpose of treating me; besides he came on other occasions. Dr. Dhirajram is a Wallabcharya. Since I contracted acquaintance with him he has visited me often on the subject of the remarriage of Hindoo widows. He differed with me in opinion. I held a meeting to discuss the question, in consequence of a note written to me by Nerbuddaslunker. I attended the meeting, but expressed no opinion on the subject of widows' remarriage. Several Shastrees also were present at the meeting, and they did not express any opinion also, because the subject was not mooted. I said to them that one Shastra should be fixed upon as an authority and then to see whether it enjoined the remarriage of widows or not. Nerbuddashunker said that Shastras were to be followed, if they were found to be reasonable and not otherwise. I said to him that all the Shastras should be believed and followed. I did not express an opinion as to the propriety or impropriety of the remarriages, because the subject was not mooted. My opinion is that if the Shastras allowed remarriages may take place, but not otherwise. I have seen nothing in the Shastrees authorising the remarriages among Brahmins, Khatrees, and Vaish, but I have no objection personally thereto. In my sect remarriages take place and I do not prohibit them. I had no conversation with Lukmidass in which I used the word *Chandee*. He was sitting by and he heard what I told Dr. Bhawoo. I had no conversation with him about any woman. I did not describe to him the conduct of the other Maharajas; I did not tell him that the Maharajas were addicted to adulterous practices, and that I dissuaded them. I did not say that all the Maharajas except one had promised to desist. I did not say to him that my conduct was not so bad now as it was before and that I would not commit such enormities now, and that I could not be reformed suddenly. He did not ask me whether I had committed rape at Surat. I did not tell him that most of my income was derived from females. I said to him that I intended to go *Sijidwar* at Oodeypore, but I did not tell him that I was afraid of my life. I said to him that a fund should be raised and that we should contribute to it, for the purpose of establishing a school. The Shastras prohibit adultery. Thousands of Committee go to my zenana to see the female members of my family. They go through the Avankhana to the zenana: there is no other entrance to the zenana.

Cross-examined by Mr. Anstey.—I am a man, and not God. I am a man and Gooroo to my followers. I am not an incarnation of God. My followers regard me as a Gooroo. I do not know whether they regard me as incarnation of God. Our Acharjee was and is regarded as incarnation of God and we are his descendants. Some of my followers ought to regard me as Gooroo. They do not, to my knowledge, regard me as incarnation of God. I do not remember whether Kursundass Nensey addressed me as incarnation of God. The Maharajas are not addressed as Mah Prabhoo (God) but as children of Mah Prabhoo. I and the other Maharajas are not addressed as "Dev." Wallabcharya himself and his son, Gossijee were styled incarnation of God. I speak as to these two persons from what I have read in the books, but I do not know whether their descendents are so styled. All the Maharajas are styled Wallab Dev. That is a high title of respect, such as the title "Lord" among the English. "Wallab" means beloved and "Dev" means God. They are also styled "Agnikoonar" (i. e. descendants of fire). The title of "Poorn Purshotum" is applied to us. It is the name of God and means "perfect Being." It is applied to us in the same way as the word "my Lord" applied to the Judges. These terms are used in written books of our sect as titles. Those that are conversant with Sanskrit read these books. I have taught my followers that they should regard all the Maharajas—except Wallabchar and Gosayie—as Gooroos and not as incarnations of God. (A book was handed to witness). This book contains the portraits of Wallabcharya and his descendants; also the image of God Wallabcharya and his descendents are sitting in a posture as if they were praying to God. These books are sold in the bazar and we and our followers purchase them because the Shastras enjoin that we should make *dirshun* of these pictures. There are two seats instituted by Dawjee Maharaj—one at Bombay and the other at Surat. These seats are resorted to by people for worship. I am not sure whether the seat in Bombay is that of Dawjee Maharaj's but that in Surat is his. There are two classes of works in our sect, one treating of the philosophical tenets of the sect, and the other of the practical part of our religion such as forms of worship and ceremonies. I have read the Vedas, and the name of Krishna occurs in one portion of them called "Oopadeshov." There was one Ved originally, but subsequently it was divided into four parts. I have committed a portion of the Veds to memory, but I do not understand its meaning. I have not read the works called "Smarooter" or law books. I have not read any one Puran entirely, but have referred to Purans called Bhagwut and Gheta. I might understand the Purans. I believe in the Bhagwut. I do not believe that there is no sin or offence in telling lies, even for a good purpose. (Witness referred to a passage in the Bhagwut.) It is stated that Balee Raja's Gooroo give it as his opinion that it was not hateful in the eyes of the people to tell lies to save the life of a cow, or a Bramin, or in the marriages, or women, or when life was in danger; but Balee Raja dissented from this opinion. [Mr. Anstey was going to touch the book in witness's hand to point out the passage, when witness objected to his sacred person being touched by anybody whether a European or a native.] I believe everything in the Bhagwut. The Shastras of the Vaishnovas are in accordance with the Veds. No Maharaj has composed a work in the Brijbhasa languages. I am the author of only one book which is taught in the Boys' school. Goverdhundass is the Editor of the Magazine published by the Vaishnova Dharm Prusarath Mundli" (society for the diffusion of Vaishnova religion.) I am the President of that society. I used to communicate to Goverdhundass what I wished to be published in the Magazine. The wives and daughters of the Maharajas do read works in Brijbhasa. No work is regarded as a sacred work, unless it is written in the Sanskrit. I am unable to say whether the book "Vachnavaoot" now shewn me is a religious book or not. I have read praises of God in Brijbhasa, but not any religious work. I have never in my life read works in Brijbhasa relating to the theological doctrines of our sect. I have read the commentary of Goculnathjee Maharaj I study Sanskrit at leisure. Since the action was brought, I have consulted Shastrees as to the Doctrines called Sidantia. Since then I know somewhat more of these doctrines than I knew before. Goverdhundass has written an essay on adulterine love in the Swabharma Bodhuk and Swadharma Chodak Magazines in reply to an article which appeared in a Marathi journal. I did read that essay and I agree substantially in the opinions expressed therein. It is stated there that the sin of adultery does not affect God, which means that God sported when he was not in a condition to commit adultery. God is worshipped in various forms. I cannot say whether it is the belief of our sect or not that the Gopees loved God as their paramour, and that God loved them and made them happy. Such a passage occurs in the essay (witness reads the passage), it means that we should entertain adulterine love but not commit the act. No carnal intercourse took place between God Krishna and Gopees, because Krishna was only eleven years of age. (Reads another passage in the essay). The substance of it is that God is gained by the worshippers in any way they desire. It is so written in the Bhagwut. I give one general answer, whatever is stated in the Shastras) is acceptable to me. It is a custom among the virgins of our sect to regard God as son, father, husband, &c. and worship him as an image in a swinging bed. They swing me in a swing too, regarding me as their Gooroo. We are swung by our father, our sons, our daughters, our mother, and our followers. We being their Gooroos, the followers consider us as their fathers. There are two Krishnas, one is the perfect, and the other the incarnation. They are called Kanas. I do not remember whether my followers address me as Kanas in the songs which they sing while swinging. They say several things and address me by various names. (Defendant at the instance of counsel, repeated one or two songs in which the Maharaj is described as the personification of God and the husband of many women and that female devotees desire to be in love with the Maharaj). Such songs are sung in my presence by the female worshippere while swinging me in a swing. (Goculnathjee's commentary handed in evidence). The word "Gopee" [illegible] middee" means a man who is great in the knowledge of Krishna. (According to the interpretation of another witness it means, the ocean of the juice of the wanton sport of many women). I have been subjected to a medical examination since the last three days in reference to this action. My face was not covered when they examined me. I do not know whether one of them refused to give evidence that I was free from syphilis. All three of them examined me at the distance of about two feet from me. They did not touch me; they examined me successively I do not know whether two of them are coming to give evidence. They may examined my person at the shop of Ragoo Shamjee, one of the conspirators.

The Court then adjourned until the next day (Friday), when the Cross-examination of plaintiff will be resumed.

SUDDER DEWANEE ADAWLUT.

The following cases are set down for hearing in the Court of Sudder Dewanee Adawlut on Monday the 3rd March 1862.

Special Appeal No. 4288.—Konkun.—Dhondo Bhikajee, deceased, his widow and heir Luxmeebaee *vs.* Govind Mahdowrao deceased, his son and heir Yeshwuntrao.

Special Appeal No. 4304.—Konkun.—Narainbhut bin Wamunbhut Mehundlay, *vs.* Balajee Sudasew Dutay.

Special Appeal No. 4305.—Ahmednuggur.—Gungaram wullud Tilokchund Marwadee, *vs.* Dada wullud Govindrao Kadum.

Special Appeal No. 4306.—Dharwar.—Bulwuntrao Venkutesh, *vs.* Vittul Goondoo.

Special Appeal No. 4309.—Konkun.—Dhondo Ramchunder and Balajee Raghoonatt, *vs.* Narojee Shivajee Devalkur.

Special Appeal No. 4310.—Dharwar.—Roodrapa bin Naranjunapa, *vs.* Girmullapa.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT OF MONEY FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN 1861-62.

TO THE RIGHT HON'BLE SIR CHARLES WOOD, BART., G. C. B.,
Secretary of State for India.
Fort William, 23rd December 1861.

SIR,—During the months immediately succeeding the issue of orders on the Public Works Budgets of the present year, we have received from several of the local Governments applications, supported by strong reasons, for additional grants. Some of these were met in part by grants from the amount held in reserve by our Government in this Department, but that resource was very limited.

Madras	Rs.	2,85,000
Bombay	"	2,50,000
Punjab	"	1,00,000
Nagpoor	"	1,93,000
Pegu	"	50,000
Hyderabad	"	50,000
Straits Settlements	"	23,000

2. The call for expediting works to facilitate Cotton export was an urgent reason for giving some additional aid to the different Governments, and we considered our financial prospects to justify a small grant. This we decided in the Financial Department should be limited to twelve lakhs.

3. The papers which we now transmit will inform you of all that has passed on the subject, and show the works on which the local Governments propose to spend the money.

4. It has been necessary to give to additional grants of one lakh each for Military buildings at Rangoon and at Hyderabad.

5. The Barracks at Rangoon had never been completed for a whole Regiment with its families. We had already decided, on the report of the Commission sent to Pegu last year, that the distribution of European Infantry in Pegu should be—

At Rangoon	1	Regiment.
At Thayet Myo	0½	"
At Toungoo	0½	"

But at present the distribution is as follows

the present successfully—this very moderate and guarded constitution which he has wished to secure for the brigade; that court having refused to nominate the ensigns selected for promotion in March, 1861, wholly and solely upon their proven military superiority, and after nearly a year's delay having itself nominated a list formed without the consent of the commanding officer, and ignoring every consideration except mere seniority—a course utterly inconsistent with that adopted by the court when several of its own members were the self-constituted rulers of the brigade, and one to which he verily believes it has been induced by wilful and self-interested misrepresentations, given under the protection of its closed doors by persons whose duty it was to have served the brigade, justified its committee, and supported the commanding officer. The commanding officer trusts that his successor in command may adopt his views, steadily endeavour to carry them out, and still receive, as he himself has done, the painstaking and disinterested support of the regimental committee; and it is to be hoped that the Court of Lieutenancy may see its error, and alter its course of proceeding ere the efficiency and peace of the regiment be seriously impaired." Captain Haywood proposed a vote of thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Hicks, which was put and carried unanimously. Sergeant Howat proposed a resolution to the effect that both lieutenant-colonels should be now and always officers of military experience, and that the regimental committee be requested to aid Lieutenant-Colonel Close in obtaining a suitable military officer to to take either the first or second lieutenant-colonelcy. This was also carried, after a discussion, in the course of which the Court of Lieutenancy was severely censured.

THE FRENCH EMPEROR, THE POPE, AND NEAPOLITAN REACTION.

(From the Spectator, January 4.)

The Emperor has promised at last to put down brigandage in Rome, and this time there is reason to believe he is sincere. We are aware that the French Government has ever been forward with the assurance of its warm wish to be quit of the burden it took upon itself by going in 1849 to Rome. On all occasions it has held the same language about its anxious desire to withdraw its troops from that city as soon as an opportunity offered for doing so, without exposing itself to the charge of having deliberately handed over the Pope to certain destruction. We learn from a recently published and highly interesting collection of despatches of the most confidential nature from the Neapolitan Minister at Rome, which were found at Gaeta, that the same assurance used to be addressed to the Pope himself, in a tone which, we are told, on the authority of the most unexceptionable witness, made even Cardinal Antonelli doubt for a time whether he was not really about to be deprived of the presence of the French troops. Yet, on a well-weighed review of the Emperor's proceedings in this matter, it seems impossible to resist the impression that the acts done have been singularly at variance with these unflagging assurances. However ever ready we may be to admit the obligations, imposed upon the Emperor by his own previous deeds, not to leave the Pope without security for his personal protection, we cannot be blind to the fact that he has repeatedly refrained from good opportunities for confining such obligations to their strictly indispensable limits. It is hard, for instance, to understand why, if there be really a wish to get out of the Roman occupation, reinforcements should have been despatched last year in such numbers as swelled the French force to an army, at the time of Cialdini's invasion of the Marches, when it was known that it never entered into his head to march upon Rome. Equally difficult is it to find any connexion between a purpose of departing and the extension given to French occupation, spreading it beyond Rome, through the whole of the Pope's remaining dominions, and the promotion in rank of General Goyon. It must be acknowledged that, according to all the rules of common sense, these very positive acts all tend in a direction which seems the very opposite to evacuation. Moreover, we have always had reason to suppose, and this is now amply confirmed in these despatches, that the language and bearing of the Holy See towards the French Emperor have been always of a kind calculated to excite any emotion but gratitude. During the twelve years that the Pope has preserved himself on his throne solely through the aid of French troops, it is well known that he has taken pleasure in showing on every possible occasion an ungraciously thankless towards the hand that keeps him from falling, and of late has even indulged publicly in language about the Emperor so directly abusive as to have elicited official remonstrance. In short, while every petty Catholic sovereign can secure the grace of Papal good-will for any favourite priest, it is a fact that the powerful French Emperor, virtually the supposed arbiter over the Pope's destiny, is unable to get the confirmation of the bishops he proposes for his own sees, and that he has to undergo refusals from the Pope of a most humiliating nature. We can hardly be accused, therefore, of drawing upon a store of inordinate suspicion when we surmise that in persisting still to continue the function of careful defender of a Pope whose delight is so evidently to deal him as many slaps in the face as he can, the Emperor must be actuated at least by some other motive than an especial [illegible]

If, therefore, we now are disposed to attach some weight to the French Emperor's renewed assurances of his determination to repress that armed insurrection against the kingdom of Italy which has been hitherto fostered under the Pope's wing, it is simply because we think ourselves at last enabled to perceive the vainly sought link between the Imperial interest and a decision so favourable to the Italian cause. This link we believe to be the now well-established connexion between the Neapolitan reactionaries and that Legitimist party, of not merely French but cosmopolitan constitution, which lives and breathes but for the overthrow of the Emperor and his family. Of this intimate connexion such evidence has been obtained by his own police as must have convinced the Emperor that the contest in the Neapolitan provinces was one directed against himself by his most deadly personal enemies. So long as the conflict lay simply between Victor Emanuel's Government and such elements of resistance as could be mustered by the influence and the means of the dispossessed dynasty, it is intelligible that the French Emperor could afford to look calmly, if not with inward satisfaction, upon a contest which, without his having a hand in it, admirably served the purpose of delaying and rendering difficult that unification of Italy which certainly never entered into his original designs. But the matter became wholly changed when King Francis, declaring himself no longer in a position to keep up the struggle, handed it over to a faction which, having its head-quarters in France, is engaged in intimate alliance with priestly agitators, in fomenting sedilious feelings against the Emperor, and now strives to turn the Neapolitan conflict into a powerful weapon for these party tactics. It is perfectly natural that circumstances of this kind should contribute materially to modify the views of the Emperor, and make him look upon the quiet possession of the Neapolitan provinces by Victor Emanuel as a less obnoxious alternative than his failing therein, when that must prove the triumph of those who have sworn deadly hatred against himself.

We are accordingly not surprised to learn that M. de Lavalette, the new French Ambassador in Rome, has opened his ambassadorial campaign by a sharp expression of opinion that King Francis would do well in withdrawing from Rome. That diplomatist has got a name, indeed, for the fearlessness with which he ventures upon slippery ice and delights to grapple with the dangers of troubled waters. We all thoroughly remember what was brought about by his recklessly choosing once to take in hand the mouldering sanctuary of the Holy Sepulchre. On that occasion M. de Lavalette's action effected a result which, however disastrous, was nevertheless glaring enough to command the attention of the whole world. We do not yet know whether we can expect like striking consequences from the Ambassador's present efforts. By this time he has probably learned, from the matter in which his representations have been met, that in the Court of Rome he has to deal with a power at once so provokingly subtle and so immovably tenacious, outwardly all blandness while inwardly of a doggedness as unbending as it is cunning, that it must tax all the resources of his ready vigour to make any impression thereon. At all events he ought to be satisfied that there is not the slightest chance of his obtaining from the Pope, by any ordinary mode of diplomatic persuasion, that he will intimate to the ex-King of Naples the necessity of seeking some other place of residence. The very firm and stringent remonstrances made on this subject by the French Ambassador, with his well-known distinctness of expression have been met with plausible observations, and an imperturbable self-possession, such as are the invariable resources of the Court of Rome. King Francis, it is said, being a Roman citizen in virtue of his Farnese property, has a natural right to reside there, and cannot be expelled like an outlaw; but if he should ever be proved guilty of violating the obligation of hospitality by entering into any unlawful practices, the Roman Government is always ready to co-operate with the French for their repression.

It remains to be seen whether the Emperor will be willing to put up with this evasive answer, and, from motives of punctiliousness, allow himself to be debarred from exerting the ample power at his command for securing an object which we believe he now really has at heart. On this head we are as yet without information. One point, however, is certain, and can hardly but have been made intelligible to the Emperor by an Ambassador who has had it so clearly brought home to himself. The Emperor must take into his own hands the matter of putting down the Reactionists' conspiracies carried on upon Roman territory by Legitimists of all grades, or they will never be quashed. For this purpose it is indispensable to alter materially the relations in which the French military authorities have hitherto stood to those of the Pope. For all practical purposes to the end under discussion, the immense display of French forces all through the country must remain simply what it has been so long, an idle array, while they are strictly forbidden to do more than repress overt acts of outlawry, and when they happen to seize any culprits are directed to hand them up to the Papal police. The Emperor, having undertaken to stand between the Pope and his people, might fairly claim to keep in his own custody those whom, in the course of his protecting service, he finds himself bound to seize. Thus, and thus alone, will a stop be put to that systematic connivance, and even direct complicity on the part of the Papal authorities, which as is thoroughly known to the French Government, enable the robber bands under Chiavone to draw regular supplies of men, arms, and money from abroad. But for this end it is necessary to come to a firm resolution in Paris, and issue explicit instructions to the general in command. No amount of sharp remonstrance by the Ambassador will have any effect upon the imperturbable doggedness of the Holy See unless backed by the weight of positive acts. The Emperor is also perfectly aware that it would be mere trifling to pretend expectation of being yet able to obtain by fair words any kind of essential concessions from the Court of Rome. Should, therefore, in spite of his thorough appreciation of all this, the Emperor still refrain from imparting a new character to that occupation of Rome which he persists in thinking himself unable to put an end to, he will by such conduct do his best to inspire his enemies with a sense of their strength, and make the world believe that he quails before the power wielded at home by priestly agitators.

THE SETTLEMENT OF THE *TRENT* AFFAIR.

(From the Examiner, Jan. 1.)

The affair of the *Trent* has ended as we hoped and expected. In a recent number we remarked that the President having taken care not to commit himself, might give up the prisoners, saying that the concession is made to the principle which the United States has always asserted, that there should not be any seizure of men on merchandize as contraband of war at the arbitrary will and pleasure of any naval officer in command. And this is the turn that has been given to the surrender by Mr. Seward, who says he is defending American principles in admitting the British claims; and quotes as follows the instructions from Mr. Madison, Secretary of State in 1804, to Mr. Monroe, Minister to England: "If I decide this case in favour of my own Government I must disallow its most cherished principles, and for ever abandon its most cherised policy; but the country cannot afford such a sacrifice. The Government cannot deny the justice of England's claim."

It would have been better, more creditable to the Federal Government, if it had spontaneously and promptly acted on this view of the case. By waiting for a demand for reparation, it has given its people to suppose that it adopted Captain Wilkes's act and was prepared to justify it, and has thus called forth a vast deal of bluster which cannot now be remembered without humiliation. A prompter and fairer course would have kept the American public right, and spared such an exhibition as that at the Boston dinner, where Judges were not ashamed to applaud Captain Wilkes's outrage, expressly on the score of its lawlessness. It would have been as well, too, to have prevented the hasty, foolish vote of the House of Representatives, and the Navy Secretary's approval of the act now condemned. As it is, the tone of defiance which has been raised so high has had a very ugly and mortifying fall, and the boasters may blame their Government for the reserve which has led them into their egregiously ridiculous exhibitions. To cover their retreat they promise and vow to store up vengeance for the hour of opportunity against England, who has taken advantage of America's difficulties to enforce her arrogant demands. But why arrogant? Our claim to reparation is admitted to be just, and the manner of it, we may be sure, was as courteous as the reason was strong. A promise of lasting hatred for wrongs is not quite Christian, but not without innumerable examples in the long history of human infirmity; but a promise of lasting hatred for a concession of justice is a stupidity of malice thoroughly original.

We have the comfort, however, of the trite reflection that threatened men live long. But all may be for the best, and America may remember the *Trent* affair to better purpose than spite, and to the effect of a lesson of a little more modesty and moderation for the future. She has learnt that there is a point of endurance beyond which this country is not to be pressed, and that as great as its love of peace is its readiness for war when its honour is touched. The vigour of the preparations for the event which a few days ago seemed too possible has been the theme of admiration on the continent, where it was not expected of a Government under a Parliamentary *régime*, and the French Minister of Finance has declared that Imperial France could not have taken its measures more promptly and energetically. And here we may remark how well it was that Canada was not more fully garrisoned, for had it been so, the fact that we had so many thousands of troops there would have shown only precaution which might or might not be wise and necessary; but the dispatch and vigour with which our forces have been conveyed across the Atlantic in the menaced territory have shown how ready and disposable is the military power of England. To be guarded always at all points of our extensive Empire is neither possible nor desirable, but quicker even than quarrel are the means of our Government, in able hands like the present, to put any part of the Queen's dominions in a state of defence.

We have already adverted to the next probable subject of controversy with the American Government, the blockade, the inefficacy of which is not only proved by the number of vessels which have sailed from and to Southern ports, but confessed by the resort to the detestable expedient of choking up channels, the highways of nations.

The question of the blockade involves the realization of the independence of the South, and much as our commercial interests are concerned, certain we are that our statesmen must approach it with extreme reluctance. [illegible] certain adverse possibilities, "France will not, England dares not;" but it is well known that France would have raised the blockade some months ago, and that the influence of our Government alone restrained her from a proceeding that would have paralysed the arms of the North, and assured the independence of the South.

France, at the instance of England, has borne and forborne for a season, but her patience has not motives as strong as ours, and the operations in the cotton fleet stimulate her to action in the interests not only of her own suffering commerce, but of civilization. If she should claim our co-operation, she will certainly place us in considerable difficulty, for we cannot but agree with her as to the principle and the facts, that, according to the law of nations, a blockade must be justified by its efficacy, and that the American blockade of a coast of 2,000 miles is not efficacious, and cannot be made efficacious, and that its insufficiency must not be eked out by doing the violence to nature of permanently choking up channels and rivers. Still we repeat our hope that England, while she reciprocates the generous good offices of France in the *Trent* affair, will confine herself to moral concurrence, and abstain from co-operation in action, for we could not assist in raising that blockade without touching the pitch of slavery.

THE ORIGINAL TOM TIDDLER.—The original "Tom Tiddler"—not of our juvenile days, but of Mr. Dickens's last Christmas number—is, we believe, a person of property, residing a short distance from the village of Stevenage, in Hertfordshire, which lies on the old north road, about half way between Hitchin and Hertford. The village is one of those which railways have made desolate, and the general aspect of its broad straggling street is faithfully depicted in the introductory chapter, as is also the wretched disorder of the garden and grounds where the Traveller, and the short-winded Tinker, held their colloquy. The house is in as pitiable a plight as might be expected to result from years of persistent neglect; and the singular being to whom it belongs appears to take the same sort of pride in his voluntary renunciation of the decencise of life that a monkish devotee might feel in exhibiting his horse-hair shirt, or a Brahminical one in his self-inflicted tortures. He receives visitors (male or female) at his grating very affably, and talks with them very freely as long as he thinks proper; but, as soon as he is tired of their society, he gets rid of them by indicating an intention to divest himself of the mat which is his only covering beyond the dirt which has crusted on his skin. His conversation is that of a well educated man; but if he be interrogated as to why he leads so extraordinary a life, his only, or at least his general, reply is, that it is his way, and that if other people like to live in a certain fashion, they need not find fault with him for choosing to live differently. All sorts of stories are current as to his reason for living thus, the most popular one being that he is bound by a vow. It is also said that some years ago, a young woman in a neighbouring town wrote, offering to marry him, and that, in consequence, he sent for the girl and her mother, and reprimanded them both in a style which showed that he was fully sensible of the indelicacy of such an offer, aggravated as it was by the way in which its recipient was living.

PRICE OF JUSTICE IN RUSSIA.—It was some time before we were so far righted as to be able to go on, and then, when we were making up lost time and overtook our friends with their sledges, numbering probably a hundred in a long line on the one ordinary track, it became necessary to pass them if we would not be kept at a snail's pace for many hours. But the passing was not easy. The whole line must draw close to one side, and in some cases into the soft snow, and this the men for a long time refused to do. It was a difficult job, involving risks to some, and the road was theirs as well as ours. The Russian baron, who was one of us, at length lost all temper, and began to swear as only a Russian can. Being cold and hungry, exhausted and much shaken, he was anxious to get some shelter, especially as night was now closing. Oaths having no effect, he lost the last glimmer of polish and came out the born Tartar that he was. Dragging the cudgel from my hand, he began belabouring with all his might the men and horses, dealing blows right and left, and compelling the men to draw up to one side as fast as we came up. For an hour this lasted, before we had passed all the sledges. "There you canaills!" he cried as he struck. "Take that! Give the road, you lazy vermin! Make room, you pigs! I am a baron, don't you see? A friend of the governor's! Sons of dogs! Defilement of the earth! Your mothers are beasts!" and so forth. This was his gentlest style, while the blows fell in a shower. Forty or fifty men submitted to all this, grumbled, but cowed; they took the blows and insults of this one man as dogs take their masters' kicks; they were serfs, he was a baron. After he had recovered his seat and his breath, and had wiped the perspiration from his heads he turned to me, and asked, with an air of national pride, "What do you say to that, me lort?" "I say, that had you struck the poorest of my countrymen in that manner, they would either have boxed you into a jelly or they would have tied you to a sledge until they reached the first town, and then given you up to a magistrate for an assault." "Oh, as to that, I should soon get away from a magistrate. A little money would soon do that." "Indeed! I can tell you that your whole estate, with a dozen like it, would not buy one of our magistrates." This assertion only caused an incredulous laugh, and a remark from the baron that he could buy any country magistrate in Russia for fifty kopeeks (eighteen-pence).—*Dickens's "All the Year Round."*

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